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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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I hereby certify, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(e)(1), that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(ii), Applicant has not submitted copies of U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications. Applicant submits herewith copies of foreign patents and non-patent literature in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).

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A fee of \$180.00 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p) is also submitted herewith (via the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's Electronic Filing System's credit card payment option). Applicant respectfully submits that no other fees are due. However, please charge any fees that are *necessary* to maintain pendency and/or protect the filing date of the present application to our Deposit Account Number 03-1721, referencing Attorney's Docket Number 2006517-0009. To the extent that there are any discrepancies between what Applicant has paid with the filing of the present Application and what the USPTO believes is owed, Applicant respectfully requests that a Notice be issued explaining any such discrepancy.

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